

HOUSE BILL 56

By Zachary

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-146, relative to retail theft.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-146(a), shall be amended by adding the following language as new subdivisions:

(6) Removes, destroys, deactivates, or evades any component of an anti-shoplifting or inventory control device to commit or facilitate a theft;

(7) Uses any artifice, instrument, container, device, or other article to commit or facilitate a theft; or

(8) Activates or interferes with a fire alarm system to commit or facilitate a theft.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-146, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, a fifth or subsequent conviction in a two-year period shall be punished one (1) classification higher than provided by § 39-14-105, and subject to a minimum fine of three hundred dollars (\$300).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.